

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant	:	Roue, et al.
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For	:	METHOD OF CLOSING AN OPENING IN A WALL OF THE HEART
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Dear Sir:

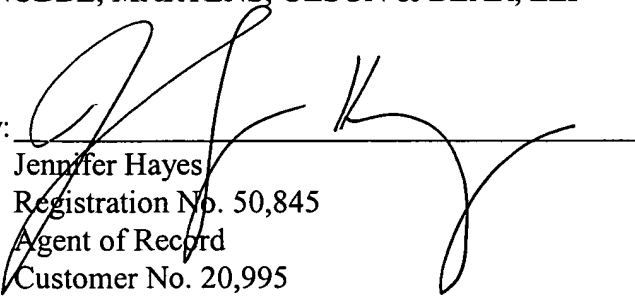
Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing seventy-seven (77) references. Copies of disclosed U.S. patents and/or publications are not included pursuant to PTO waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for applications filed after June 30, 2003. References numbered 75-76 are of record in U.S. patent application No. 09/904,790, filed July 13, 2001, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Accordingly, copies of references numbered 75-76 are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d). Copies of references numbered 70-74 and 77 are enclosed.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	1	3,874,388	04/01/75	King, et al.			
	2	4,007,743	02/15/77	Blake			
	3	4,710,192	12/01/87	Liotta, et al.			
	4	4,836,204	06/06/89	Landymore, et al.			
	5	4,917,089	04/17/90	Sideris			
	6	4,950,227	08/21/90	Savin, et al.			
	7	4,950,285	08/21/90	Wilk			
	8	5,108,420	04/28/92	Marks			
	9	5,123,428	06/23/92	Schwarz			
	10	5,171,259	12/15/92	Inoue			
	11	5,254,133	10/19/93	Seid			
	12	5,258,000	11/02/93	Gianturco			
	13	5,281,238	01/25/94	Chin, et al.			
	14	5,282,827	02/01/94	Kensey, et al.			
	15	5,284,488	02/08/94	Sideris			
	16	5,306,234	04/26/94	Johnson			
	17	5,334,217	08/02/94	Das			
	18	5,350,399	09/27/94	Erlebacher, et al.			
	19	5,372,599	12/13/94	Martins			
	20	5,373,840	12/20/94	Knighton			
	21	5,375,612	12/27/94	Cottenceau, et al.			
	22	5,397,331	03/14/95	Himpens, et al.			
	23	5,403,326	04/04/95	Harrison, et al.			
	24	5,417,699	05/23/95	Klein, et al.			
	25	5,425,744	06/20/95	Fagan, et al.			
	26	5,433,727	07/18/95	Sideris			
	27	5,451,235	09/19/95	Lock, et al.			

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	29	5,527,338	06/18/96	Purdy			
	30	5,578,045	11/26/96	Das			
	31	5,593,422	01/14/97	Muijs Van de Moer, et al.			
	32	5,593,424	01/14/97	Northrup III			
	33	5,632,753	05/27/97	Loeser			
	34	5,634,936	06/03/97	Linden, et al.			
	35	5,643,317	07/01/97	Pavcnik, et al.			
	36	5,662,681	09/02/97	Nash, et al.			
	37	5,709,224	01/20/98	Behl, et al.			
	38	5,713,907	02/03/98	Hogendijk, et al.			
	39	5,746,747	05/05/98	McKeating			
	40	5,814,068	09/29/98	Koike, et al.			
	41	5,827,268	10/27/98	Laufer			
	42	5,849,004	12/15/98	Bramlet			
	43	5,860,991	01/19/99	Klein, et al.			
	44	5,865,791	02/02/99	Whayne, et al.			
	45	5,868,762	02/09/99	Cragg, et al.			
	46	5,879,366	03/09/99	Shaw, et al.			
	47	5,957,900	09/28/99	Ouchi			
	48	5,968,053	10/19/99	Revelas			
	49	6,024,756	02/15/00	Huebsch, et al.			
	50	6,080,182	06/27/00	Shaw, et al.			
	51	6,152,144	11/28/00	Lesh, et al.			
	52	6,171,329 B1	01/09/01	Shaw, et al.			
	53	6,174,322 B1	01/16/01	Schneidt			
	54	6,231,561 B1	05/15/01	Frazier, et al.			

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	70	0 474 887 B1	06/15/94	EP				
	71	GB 2 269 321	02/09/94	GB				
	72	WO 96/32882	10/24/96	PCT				
	73	WO 99/40849	08/19/99	PCT			X (abstracat)	
	74	WO 01/17435	03/15/01	PCT				

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	75	Blackshear, et al. 1996. Appendage obliteration to reduce stroke in cardiac surgical patients with atrial fibrillation. <i>Ann Thorac. Surg.</i> , 61(2):755-759.
	76	Lindsay, B. D. 1996. Obliteration of the left atrial appendage: A concept worth testing. <i>Ann thorac. Surg.</i> , 61(2):515.
	77	Co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/674,553, filed September 30, 2003, in the name of Erik J. van der Burg, et al., Docket No. MVMDINC.1CP1C3; and a Preliminary Amendment mailed February 6, 2004.

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